I. M. F. Loans

*69. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what other options Government have under consideration in the event of their decision not to go in for I.M.F. loan in a big way to meet the balance of payments position; and

(b) how much India is entitled to get from the I.M.F. if it applies for such loan and what are the conditions likely to be imposed?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) The option available to the Govt. for bridging the Balance of Payments deficit are export promotion, increased invisible earnings through tourism pomotion and private remittance, effective domestic demand management, import containment and curtailment of budgetary deficit.

(b) Credit from IMF is available to member countries under several facilities. Under the Stand by Arrangement, credit is available to members experiencing balance of payments difficulties in four tranches, each equal to 25 per cent of the member's quota. Under the Extended Fund Facility, the annual access limit is 95 per cent and the triannual access limit is 280 per cent of the member's quota. India's quota in the IMF is SDR 2.2 billion. The exact quantum of accommodation under any facility and the accompanying conditionalities are the subject matter of decision of the IMF Board.

Remedial measures for preventing booth capturing

*70. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY.

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state the remedial measures Government propose to take in the light of video film on booth capturing recently telecast on Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): Government is conscious of the strong public opinion both on the menace of booth capturing and its prepetrators. Government, in consultation with the Election Commission, are examining various steps for amending the election law to provide for more stringent provisions and also for strengthening the administrative machinery. The Government will have also discussions with the leaders of political parties in Parliament before the proposals are finalised

671. [*Transferred to the 26th December*, 1989]

Legislation regarding electoral reforms

*72. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any legislative proposal regarding electoral reforms to curb money, muscle power and other malpractices in elections is being considered by Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details are still being worked out.

Water famine

*73. SHRI ANAND SHARMA:
DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent report by the World Watch Institute, a Washington based research organisation stating that India is in for a major water famine during the 1990's which could drastically